

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1979
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018**

INCLUSION OF AYUSH METHODS IN ASHA TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1979. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to add the Ayurveda, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy in Asha training programme run by NIOS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons of therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): There is no proposal to add the Ayurveda, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy in Asha training programme run by NIOS.
- (b): Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above
- (c): The ASHA training/ certification programme through NIOS has been launched to enhance the competency and professional credibility of ASHAs through knowledge and skill assessment. The supplementary book for ASHA- An aide to preparing for Certification provided by NIOS covers contents of Modules 1-5 or Induction Module and, Modules 6 and 7 of ASHA training. The training includes practice of essential skills (weighing the new-born, measuring temperature of the new-born, keeping the new-born warm, preparation of ORS in case of diarrhoea, use of Nishchay kit for diagnosing pregnancy and hand-washing) and random skills (including viva and demonstration for malaria tests). ASHAs are evaluated on practical skills and theory examination by NIOS.